

October 6, 2009

TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee

FROM: Mark Pentz, Chandler, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, October 14, 2009 - 12:00 noon
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

The next Management Committee meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. Members of the Management Committee may attend the meeting either in person, by videoconference or by telephone conference call. The agenda and summaries are also being transmitted to the members of the Regional Council to foster increased dialogue between members of the Management Committee and Regional Council. You are encouraged to review the supporting information enclosed. Lunch will be provided at a nominal cost.

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Members are reminded of the importance of attendance by yourself or a proxy. Any time that a quorum is not present, we cannot conduct the meeting. Please set aside sufficient time for the meeting, and for all matters to be reviewed and acted upon by the Management Committee. Your presence and vote count.

c: MAG Regional Council

**MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
TENTATIVE AGENDA
October 14, 2009**

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Call to the Audience

An opportunity is provided to the public to address the Management Committee on items that are not on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of MAG, or non-action agenda items that are on the agenda for discussion or information only. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Management Committee requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard.

4. Executive Director's Report

The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Management Committee on activities of general interest.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk (*).

3. Information.

4. Information and discussion.

5. Recommend approval of the Consent Agenda.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

MINUTES

*5A. Approval of September 16, 2009, Meeting Minutes

5A. Review and approval of the September 16, 2009, meeting minutes.

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

*5B. 2009 Annual Report on Status of the Implementation of Proposition 400

A.R.S. 28-6354 requires that MAG issue an annual report on the status of regional transportation projects included in Proposition 400, which was approved by the voters in Maricopa County in November 2004. The 2009 Annual Report is the fifth report in this series and covers the status of the Life Cycle Programs for Freeways/Highways, Arterial Streets, and Transit. A Summary of Findings and Issues is included in the attached material and the full report is available on the MAG website. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5C. Amendment to the MAG FY 2010 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Add Funding to the ITS Evaluation - MAG Consultant On-Call Project

On June 25, 2008, the Regional Council approved the selection of on-call consultants to provide Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) and Safety services for a period of two years. On May 27, 2009, the Regional Council approved the MAG FY 2010 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget (UPWP), which includes \$30,000 for the ITS Evaluation - MAG Consultant On-Call Project. Each year, MAG receives dozens of requests from member agencies for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) funding for ITS projects. In order to be CMAQ-eligible, projects must demonstrate a net reduction in emissions of air pollutants in nonattainment or maintenance areas. Recent changes to the EPA-approved emissions model have made it more difficult to quantify emission reductions associated with ITS projects. MAG requires consultant assistance to simplify the data requirements, improve the accuracy of the emission estimates, and reduce the time it takes to evaluate the air quality benefits of ITS projects proposed for CMAQ funding. A consultant qualified in ITS Evaluation would be selected from the existing on-call services contract. The proposed amendment to the UPWP would add \$50,000 of FY 2009 MAG Surface Transportation Program funds to the ITS Evaluation - MAG Consultant On-Call Project to improve the

5B. Information and discussion.

5C. Recommend amending the MAG FY 2010 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to add \$50,000 of FY 2009 MAG Surface Transportation Program funds to the ITS Evaluation - MAG Consultant On-Call Project to improve the methods used to evaluate the air quality benefits of ITS projects proposed for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) funding.

methods for evaluating the air quality benefits of ITS projects. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5D. Project Changes – Amendments and Administrative Modifications to the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

The FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update were approved by the MAG Regional Council on July 25, 2007. Since that time, there have been requests from member agencies to modify projects in the programs. The proposed amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2008-2012 TIP are listed in the attached table. These include requests to change locations for two CMAQ funded projects, new pavement preservation projects by the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), and financial changes including amounts and type of funds for ADOT projects. Projects funded with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds are included in these requested changes. On October 1, 2009, the Transportation Review Committee recommend approval of amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program, and as appropriate, to the Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5E. Consultant Selection for an Avondale Transit Circulator Study

On June 10, 2009, the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee approved an amendment to the MAG FY 2009 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to include funding for a Transit Circulator Study for the City of Avondale. Since that time, MAG staff has completed a Request for Proposals (RFP) process. Six proposals were received. A multi-agency review team evaluated the proposals, conducted consultant interviews, and recommended to MAG that URS Corporation be awarded the contract to develop the Avondale Transit Circulator Study for an amount not to exceed \$150,000. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5D. Recommend approval of amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program, and as appropriate, to the Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update as shown in the attached tables.

5E. Recommend approval of the selection of URS Corporation as the consultant to develop the Avondale Transit Circulator Study for an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

*5F. Consultant Selection for an Avondale Park and Ride Site Selection Study

On June 10, 2009, the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee approved an amendment to the MAG FY 2009 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to include funding for a Park And Ride Site Selection Study for the City of Avondale. Since that time, MAG staff has completed a Request for Proposals (RFP) process. Seven proposals were received. A multi-agency review team evaluated the proposals, conducted consultant interviews, and recommended to MAG that TranSystems be selected to develop the Avondale Park And Ride Site Selection Study for an amount not to exceed \$200,000. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5G. Don't Trash Arizona Litter Prevention and Education Contract Amendment

The Regional Transportation Plan includes \$279 million for the freeway maintenance program, including litter control and prevention. In November 2003, MAG and the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) signed a joint resolution that included development of a long-term litter prevention program to reduce freeway litter and defray pickup costs. The *Don't Trash Arizona* program was implemented in 2006 by MAG in cooperation with ADOT. In September 2008, the MAG Regional Council approved the selection of RIESTER as the consultant to design and implement the FY 2009 Litter Prevention and Education Program at a cost not to exceed \$380,000. The base contract period was for a one-year term, with a provision that MAG may, at its option, offer to extend the period of this agreement up to a maximum of two, one-year options, based on consultant performance and funding availability. The current contract expires on October 31, 2009. The MAG FY 2010 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget includes \$300,000 in funding for litter prevention and education. Staff is recommending amending the FY 2010 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to amend the consultant contract with RIESTER for one year for the Litter Prevention and Education Program to include \$300,000 budgeted in the MAG FY 2010 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget for litter

5F. Recommend approval of the selection of TranSystems as the consultant to develop the Avondale Park And Ride Site Selection Study for an amount not to exceed \$200,000.

5G. Recommend approval to amend the consultant contract with RIESTER for one additional year for the Litter Prevention and Education Program to include \$300,000 budgeted in the MAG FY 2010 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget for litter prevention and education.

prevention and education. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5H. Arterial Life Cycle Program Status Report

A Status Report on the Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) is provided for the period between April and September 2009 and will include an update on ALCP Project work, the remaining Fiscal Year 2010 ALCP schedule, program deadlines, and program revenues and finances. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5H. Information.

AIR QUALITY ITEMS

*5I. Conformity Consultation

The Maricopa Association of Governments is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment and administrative modification to the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The proposed amendment and administrative modification involves several projects, including six new Arizona Department of Transportation projects. The amendment includes projects that are exempt from a conformity determination and the administrative modification includes minor project revisions that do not require a conformity determination. Comments on the conformity assessment are requested by October 23, 2009. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5I. Consultation.

*5J. Additional Funding for a Sweeper on the Approved Prioritized List of Proposed PM-10 Certified Street Sweeper Projects for FY 2009 CMAQ Funding

On January 28, 2009, the MAG Regional Council approved a Prioritized List of Proposed PM-10 Certified Street Sweeper Projects for FY 2009 CMAQ funding and retained the prioritized list for any additional FY 2009 CMAQ funds that may become available due to year-end closeout, including any redistributed obligation authority, or additional funding received by this region. On September 18, 2009, the Arizona Department of Transportation notified MAG that ADOT would not continue with their street sweeper project for FY 2008 CMAQ funding. With the deletion of the ADOT sweeper project and associated savings of

5J. Recommend approval of additional funding for a sweeper on the Approved Prioritized List of Proposed PM-10 Certified Street Sweeper Projects for FY 2009 CMAQ Funding.

\$166,491, the remaining \$52,281 for Buckeye sweeper #1 from the approved Prioritized List may now be funded. Please refer to the enclosed material.

GENERAL ITEMS

*5K. MAG FY 2011 PSAP Annual Element/Funding Request and FY 2011-2015 Equipment Program

Each year, the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Managers submit inventory and upgrade requests that are used to develop a five year equipment program that forecasts future 9-1-1 equipment needs of the region and will enable MAG to provide estimates of future funding needs to the Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA). The ADOA Order of Adoption stipulates allowable funding under the Emergency Telecommunications Services Revolving Fund. The MAG 9-1-1 PSAP Managers and the MAG 9-1-1 Oversight Team recommended approval of the MAG FY 2011 PSAP Annual Element/Funding Request and FY 2011-2015 Equipment Program. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5L. Application Process for the 2009 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Stuart B. McKinney Funds for Homeless Assistance Programs

On December 8, 1999, the MAG Regional Council approved MAG becoming the responsible entity for a year-round homeless planning process which includes submittal of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Stuart B. McKinney Continuum of Care Consolidated Application for the MAG region. The Continuum of Care grant supports permanent and transitional housing as well as supportive services. A total of \$172 million has been awarded to the region since 1999. Last year, the region received more than \$24.5 million for 53 projects serving homeless individuals and families. The 2009 federal application was released on September 25, 2009 and the Continuum of Care consolidated application is due to HUD on November 9, 2009. The Ranking and Review Panel will provide a draft list of all new and renewal applicants requesting funds during this application process to the MAG Management Committee for information. Project

5K. Recommend approval of the MAG FY 2011 PSAP Annual Element/Funding Request and FY 2011-2015 Equipment Program for submittal to the Arizona Department of Administration.

5L. Information.

applications are due to the Ranking and Review Panel on October 26, 2009. The final list of recommended projects will be provided to the MAG Regional Council for information on October 28, 2009. Approval of the final consolidated application by the MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness is expected on November 3, 2009. Please refer to enclosed material.

*5M. Amendment to the MAG FY 2010 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Reflect Changes in Human Services Funding

The MAG FY 2010 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget (UPWP) was approved by the MAG Regional Council on May 27, 2009. Recently, a new grant for Human Services that was not included in the MAG FY 2010 UPWP was awarded to MAG from St. Luke's Health Initiative in the amount of \$25,320. In addition, MAG received notice that two of the Human Services grants approved in the MAG FY 2010 UPWP – the Innovative Grant traditionally received from Governor's Brewer's Office for \$43,824 as well as the remaining balance of the FY 2010 Arizona Department of Economic Security homeless planning grant for \$7,500 – were not going to be awarded due to shortfalls in state funding. An amendment to the MAG FY 2010 UPWP is necessary to add a new grant and to remove two grants in Human Services that result in a net reduction to the overall budget of \$26,004. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5N. Video Outreach Associate Contract Amendment

The FY 2010 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2009 includes \$24,000 for a Video Outreach Associate to assist in the writing and production of videos for its MAG Video Outreach Program. The Proposition 400 video has recently been completed and two additional projects are underway. To meet the demand for additional projects, staff recommends adding \$14,000 to the FY 2010 contract for the Video Outreach Associate. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5M. Recommend approval of a budget amendment to the MAG FY 2010 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to add a new grant from St. Luke's Health Initiative in the amount of \$25,320, and to remove the Innovative Grant from Governor's Brewer's Office in the amount of \$43,824 and the remaining balance of the FY 2010 Arizona Department of Economic Security homeless planning grant in the amount of \$7,500, resulting in a net reduction to the overall budget of \$26,004.

5N. Recommend approval of adding \$14,000 to the FY 2010 contract for the MAG Video Outreach Associate.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

6. Update on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009: Re-allocation of Unused Local/MPO ARRA Funds – Policy Options

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 was signed by President Obama on February 17, 2009. The Act directs transportation infrastructure funds to highway and transit agencies in State and Metropolitan Planning Organizations. In March 2009, the MAG Regional Council provided policy direction on how to program the ARRA funds designated to the MAG region for local projects, which included a regional obligation deadline of November 30, 2009. Per federal regulations, projects must undergo a set of federal clearances prior to obligation and advertisement and be obligated by March 2, 2010. Bids for initial ARRA funded projects have been between 20 percent to 50 percent below original estimates, and it is anticipated that trend will continue. As a result, unprogrammed ARRA funding may become available for additional projects. It is also anticipated that while some projects may not be on track to meet the federally mandate obligation date of March 2, 2010, others may be near completion and not meet the regional council November 30, 2009 deadline. Please refer to the enclosed status report on ARRA project development and policy options for the reallocation of unused ARRA funds. On October 1, 2009, the Transportation Review Committee recommended guidance on the policy options. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Transportation Planning Update - Proposition 400 Regional Freeway Program

The Management Committee will receive an update on the strategies identified by MAG staff to address the funding gap in the Regional Freeway Program. Topics covered within this presentation include an update on cost saving proposals in the SR-202L/South Mountain Freeway and SR-303L corridors. The update will conclude with a presentation on overall strategies and scenarios for meeting the Regional Freeway funding gap, based on the corridor-specific cost savings, data collected

6. Information, discussion, and possible action to recommend that MAG staff explore the following uses for the reallocation of unobligated ARRA be considered, with the priorities for the uses be set next month based on further consideration: 1) Additional ARRA funds for existing ARRA projects, however, no increase in scope would be allowed, 2) Reduction in the local match, but not below the minimum set by MAG policy, for other federally funded projects that will obligate by the deadline, 3) Other local projects in the region that are eligible for ARRA funds and can obligate by the deadline, 4) Transfer funds to Transit; and to explore an alternative obligation deadline to the November 30, 2009 date set by the MAG Regional Council.

7. Information and discussion.

from the Central Phoenix Peer Review Group, discussions with ADOT and their Management Consultants, and MAG staff recommendations. On July 15, 2009, the Transportation Policy Committee recommended that information provided by the MAG staff be reviewed by the Transportation Policy Committee that day for information and discussion only and that the information be further analyzed by the member agency staff and that a discussion be held regarding this information by the MAG Management Committee and that a decision on this information be tabled for 90 days and be considered at the October 21, 2009, Transportation Policy Committee meeting. Please refer to the enclosed material.

GENERAL ITEMS

8. Legislative Update

An update will be provided on legislative issues of interest.

8. Information, discussion and possible action.

9. Request for Future Agenda Items

Topics or issues of interest that the Management Committee would like to have considered for discussion at a future meeting will be requested.

9. Information and discussion.

10. Comments from the Committee

An opportunity will be provided for Management Committee members to present a brief summary of current events. The Management Committee is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

10. Information.

11. Adjournment